

MEDIA EXCHANGE NETWORK HAVING MEDIA PROCESSING SYSTEMS AND
PERSONAL COMPUTERS WITH COMMON USER INTERFACES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[97] A system supporting a common user interface for the consumption of media is disclosed. In an embodiment of the present invention, a set top box and a personal computer may have user interfaces that are substantially the same, providing users of such systems substantially the same look and feel in exchanging and consuming media. The media in such an embodiment may comprise audio, still images, video, real time video, and data. In addition, a media peripheral may also have a user interface supporting the exchange and consumption of media, and the user interface may be substantially the same interface as that of a set top box or a personal computer, having substantially the same look and feel.